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David,

We agree to them conditions mentioned below.

Kind regards,

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On Jun 20, 2024, at 03:52, David Reisman < DReisman@liskow.com> wrote:

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In exchange for the claimants withdrawing the motion (ECF No. 43) and letter (ECF No. 44) requesting an emergency pre-trial conference or hearing, Grace Ocean Private Limited and Synergy Marine Pte Ltd. (the "Vessel Interests) agree as follows:

1. Vessel Interests will substantively respond to written discovery and requests for production in advance of Rule 26 schedule and within 30 days after service. For the witnesses at issue,

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claimants demand and Vessel Interests will produce - at a minimum – all statements made related to the subject allision, personnel files, employment contracts, training files, the SMS manual, and records of audits. This provision of the agreement does not limit the scope or duration of discovery, it merely confirms the Vessel Interests' agreement to respond to discovery prior to the Rule 26 schedule.

- 2. Depositions of Madathilparambil Chandrasekharan, Shiju (AB-1); Subramanian Selvakumar (AB-2); Margasseri Rajan (AB-3); Kumar Sunil (OS); Dominic Peeris Dobus Peeris (Oiler-1); Venu Sivalingam (Fitter); Kashmiri Lal (Cook); Nadammal Shershad (GS); Aviral Manihal (TME) and Mahesh Balaji Ankade (TEO) to be taken during the period allowed for depositions per the Court's scheduling order in the M/V DALI Limitation Action (USDC DMD No. 24-00941) (the "Litigation"), but no sooner than November 2024 (and in any event unless otherwise agreed to in writing by claimants after claimants' receipt of all substantive discovery responses).
- 3. Counsel for the vessel interests, William R. Bennett III, will accept service of subpoenas for the depositions of the above referenced witnesses.
- 4. The depositions of the above referenced witnesses will be conducted pursuant to the United States Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, regardless of the location where the depositions are taken.
- 5. The depositions of the above referenced witnesses will be taken in London or elsewhere by written agreement of all parties to the Litigation.
- 6. Vessel Interests guarantee the appearance of the witnesses at the depositions in London, or elsewhere by written agreement of all parties to the Litigation.
- 7. Sanctions for the Vessel Interests' violation of this agreement shall be determined by the Court.
- 8. This agreement shall have no precedential effect with respect to any other witness.

Please confirm your acceptance right away so the Court and parties can be notified of this agreement.

David L. Reisman

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Counsel:

Our clients are in the process of arranging for replacement crew for the DALI. We have been advised that the U.S. Coast Guard will permit certain crew members to return to their home countries but has requested that other crew members remain in the United States. The crew members who will be permitted to return home are: Madathilparambil Chandrasekharan, Shiju (AB-1); Subramanian Selvakumar (AB-2); Margasseri Rajan (AB-3); Kumar Sunil (OS); Dominic Peeris Dobus Peeris (Oiler-1); Venu Sivalingam (Fitter); Kashmiri Lal (Cook); Nadammal Shershad (GS).

All of these crew members have been interviewed by DOJ and DOJ does not object to their departure from the United States.

In anticipation of potential requests to depose these crew members, we requested that USCG assist with securing temporary parole from CBP following their replacement in

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order to allow the crew members to briefly remain in the United States. USCG denied our request. Accordingly, the crew members will be transported directly from the Vessel to the airport prior to its departure from Baltimore (likely on or about June 20th).

We also discussed the possibility of depositions with the crew members' criminal counsel, Owen Duffy. Mr. Duffy indicated that, if his clients were noticed for depositions, he would advise them to invoke their 5th Amendment privilege.

Under the circumstances, we see no purpose in convening depositions on an emergency basis simply to accomplish this formality, but please let us know asap if anyone feels otherwise.

Kind regards,

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Good morning Bill,

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Larry,

Please produce the entire underwriting and claim files your client possesses for the Francis Scott Ket Bridge, including proof your client has made payment for the bridge damage.

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Gentlemen,

Item 94 on your Index relates to "IE-4 440V Switchboard 001-H2677 MVSB REV_B.pdf" bates range 3386-3642.

That document does not exist in the production. In fact, the previous document, the 6.6kV switchboard was produced twice. The 6.6kV switchboard document was produced in the bates location for the 440V switchboard.

Please send along the 440 drawings that were intended to be produced.

Thank you.



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